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**MINUTES OF PVTA'S  
ROUTE COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 23, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Route Committee of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority met on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority Administration Office located at 2808 Main Street in Springfield, MA.

**PRESENT:**

Members: Brian O'Leary, Belchertown; Paul Burns Johnson, Palmer; Peter Miller, Westfield; J.M. Sorrell, Williamsburg;

**NOT PRESENT:**

A quorum being present, Chairman of the Route Committee, Brian O'Leary called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman O'Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to approve the meeting minutes of May 23, 2018.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded (Burns/Miller) to approve the meeting minutes of May 23, 2018.

Chairman O'Leary asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**4. G2 ROUTE ADJUSTMENTS**

Sandra Sheehan, PVTA Administrator, stated that route adjustments to the G2 would provide more service options to the Industrial Park while improving operational efficiency by reducing dead head miles when PVTA relocates the bus storage facility to Cottage Street. These changes do not require any additional funding and if approved, would be implemented when the spring bid service starts on March 17, 2019.

Price Armstrong, Manager of Planning and Analysis, stated that the changes to the G2 schedule would add an additional fifteen minutes to the run time. Traffic patterns have changed and this is how long it takes the bus to get from point “A” to point “B”.

PVTA staff solicited comments from G2 passengers at the Union Station and the G2 bus berths as well as on-board the G2 during the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>.

- 1/7: At Union Station 9:00am – 12:00 Noon
- 1/8: At Union Station 12:30pm – 2:00pm and on-board G2
- 1/10: At Union Station 10:00am – 11:30am
- 1/11: At Union Station 2:30pm – 5:00pm and on-board G2

All passengers boarding and de-boarding G2 buses were engaged as well as passengers waiting at Union Station. A total of 83 comments were received on the proposed G2 changes.

A summary of the comments received were:

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| • Like express service to DTA Office           | 32 |
| • Changes won't affect passenger               | 25 |
| • Prefer better OTP to express service         | 10 |
| • Don't like the change to 30 minute frequency | 10 |
| • Other  | 4  |
| • Facilitating transfers is important          | 2  |

J.M. Sorrell: We will want to let agencies around Industrial Park know that this change to the service is happening.

Chairman O’Leary asked for a motion from the Route Committee to approve the G2 Route Adjustments as presented.

**Motion:** Moved and seconded (Miller/Burns) to approve the G2 Route Adjustments as presented.

Chairman O’Leary asked if there was any discussion, hearing none, asked for all those in favor to say aye.

Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **5. RTA TASK FORCE ON PERFORMANCE & FUNDING**

The Task Force Legislation requires recommendations for the establishment of service standards, appropriate ridership, financial performance indicators and best practices for the RTAs. Twelve meetings have taken place since the Task Force was convened. There has been a lot of discussion on data collection, performance standards regionally and nationally; as well as best practices and innovations, and funding. The Task Force is working on finalizing a vision statement and goals that acknowledges the uniqueness of the regions served and identifies a path for reliable funding. Public listening sessions have been postponed. A letter was submitted to MassDOT from the Western Mass Delegation requesting a meeting take place in Western Massachusetts.

MassDOT released a request for applications for discretionary funding under Section 74 of the FY19 State Budget. PVTA submitted four applications. A joint application between FRTA and PVTA for improved connections between Greenfield and Amherst at the Whately Park and Ride; a joint application with

Quaboag Connector for a pilot micro-transit program; Express service for the B7 and P20 as well as scheduling improvements for the G1 route.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

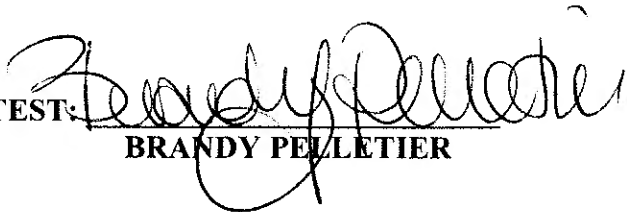
Chairman O'Leary reported that there is no other business to discuss.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Route Committee adjourned (Burns/Miller) at 11:40 A.M.

**A TRUE RECORD**

ATTEST:

  
**BRANDY PELLETIER**

Documents filed with Route Committee meeting packet:

- May 23, 2018 Route Committee Minutes
- Proposed G2 Route Adjustments

**Minutes Approved on August 21, 2019**